Industrial Research has evolved programmes for implementation during the 8th plan period (1992-97), and these include: Research and Development by Industry; Programmes Aimed at Technological Self-Reliance; Scheme to Enhance Efficiency of Transfer of Technology. These schemes will have a significant bearing on continuous absorption and upgradation of imported technology as well as commercial utilisation of indigenously developed technologies.

Indian Space Research Organisation to set up of a Corporate front to handle its business activities

2495. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Space Research Organisation had suggested setting up of a corporate front to handle its business activities;

(b) whether Government have cleared the proposal; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The proposal involves various approval cycles and the matter is already receiving the attention of the Government.

Addition of newer societies or centres in Department of Space

2496. SHRI RAGHAVJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Department of Space keeps adding newer societies or centres;

(b) if so, the details of such additions during the last 3 years, yearwise; and

(c) the details of the methodology adopted for coordinating with societies of other Scientific Departments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Projects and Programme of the Department of Space (DOS) involve interaction with various Ministries/Departments, Industries in both public and private sectors, academic/research institutions and Societies. In the area of common interest, where necessary, the Department of Space is represented in the concerned fora of these Institutions.

Identifying fishes in the sea

2497. SHRI V. NARYANASAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are conducting any study with the help of satellites to identify fishes in the sea enabling fishermen to venture into the sea where large number of fishes are available; and

(b) whether Government are periodically disseminating information to the fishermen who are fishing in the coastal area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir. Thermal data available from the National Oceanographic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA-USA) satellite (Advanced Very High Resolution Radiometer Sensor) are used to generate Sea Surface Temperature (SST) maps. Based on the examination of SST charts certain